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Y. Yamaka..... P..	..	California..	1912	Fresno, Cal., 1260 Kern St., P. O. Box 668
M. Yoshida ..... E..	15	California..	1900	Loomis, Cal., care S. Sakama.
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Japanese Woman's Home.....	..	.....	....	Seattle, Wash., 1236 Wash. St.
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S. Kurihara ..... S..	..	.....	1910	Tacoma, Wash., Tacoma Ave. & S. 13th St.
A. Kiniwa ..... S..	..	.....	1908	Vacaville, Cal., Box K.
Catherine P. Blaine Home.....	..	.....	....	Seattle, Wash., 318 11th Ave.
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Number	Date		Place	President	Secretary
	Year	Meeting			
1	1900	Sept. 12	Pacific Grove, Cal.	John W. Hamilton	Y. T. Kondo
2	1901	Sept. 10	San Francisco, Cal.	C. C. McCabe	Y. S. Sacon
3	1902	Sept. 17	San Francisco, Cal.	I. W. Joyce	K. Obata
4	1903	Sept. 4	San Francisco, Cal.	Earl Cranston	Z. Hirota
5	1904	Aug. 31	San Francisco, Cal.	Luther B. Wilson	Milton S. Vail
6	1905	Sept. 18	San Francisco, Cal.	Joseph F. Berry	Milton S. Vail
7	1906	Sept. 5	San Francisco, Cal.	David H. Moore	Milton S. Vail
8	1906	Sept. 5	Fresno, Cal.	Thomas B. Neely	Milton S. Vail
9	1908	Sept. 4	Oakland, Cal.	Henry W. Warren	Milton S. Vail
10	1909	Aug. 25	Seattle, Wash.	Charles W. Smith	Milton S. Vail
11	1910	Sept. 2	San Francisco, Cal.	Edwin H. Hughes	Milton S. Vail
12	1911	Sept. 11	Pacific Grove, Cal.	Edwin H. Hughes	Milton S. Vail
13	1912	Aug. 30	Los Angeles, Cal.	Wm. O. Shepard	Milton S. Vail

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who are on Trial in Studies of First Year?

Katahide Yoshioka, Calif., Fusao Sakaizawa, Calif., and Koichi Matsuoka, Calif.

2. Who are on Trial?

(a) In Studies of Second Year.
Yozuro Yamaka.

(b) In Studies of Third Year.
None.

(c) In Studies of Fourth Year.
None.

3. Who are Members of Conference in Studies of Third Year?
None.

4. Who are Members of Conference in Studies of Fourth Year?
Hachiro Shirato, Colorado.

5. What Traveling Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?

(a) In Regular Course.
None.

(b) As Local Preachers.
None.

(c) Under Missionary Rule.
None.

(d) Under Seminary Rule.
None.

6. What Local Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?
None.

7. What Traveling Preachers have been Ordained Elders?

(a) In Regular Course.
None.

(b) As Local Deacons.
None.

(c) Under Missionary Rule.
None.

(d) Under Seminary Rule.
None.

8. What Local Deacons have been Ordained Elders?
None.

9. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?
This was strictly attended to in open meeting.

10. What is the Statistical Report for this year?
See Tables of Statistics.

11. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Treasurer?
$1360.00.

12. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
See Appointments.

13. Where shall the Next Annual Meeting be held?
Seattle, Wash.

APPOINTMENTS 1911-1912 PACIFIC JAPANESE MISSION.

Bishop W. O. Shepard, President.

All appointments in California unless otherwise indicated.
Herbert B. Johnson, Superintendent, Box 29, Berkeley, Cal.
Bakersfield—To be supplied.
Denver, Colorado—**Hachirato Shirato.** (Colorado)
Fresno and Selma—**Yuzuru Yamaka.** (California)
Loomis—Supplied from Sacramento.
Los Angeles—Suenoshin Kawashima. (California)
Oakland and Berkeley—Zenro Hirota. (California)
Oxnard Circuit—Supplied by K. Baba.
Palo Alto—Supplied from San Francisco.
Portland, Oregon—To be supplied.
Pueblo, Colorado—Supplied from Denver.
Reno, Nevada—To be supplied.
Riverside Circuit—Otoe So. (California)
Sacramento—Morizo Yoshida. (California)
San Francisco—Tokuji Komuro. (California)
San Jose—**Koichi Matsuoka.** (California)
Seattle, Washington—Seimei Yoshioka. (Puget Sound)
Spokane, Washington—Supplied by S. Uemura.
Stockton Circuit—To be supplied.
Tacoma, Washington—Supplied by S. Kurihara.
Vacaville—Supplied by A. Kiniwa.
Milton S. Vail, President Anglo-Japanese School, San Francisco.
Katahida Yoshioka, Fusao Sakaizawa (both California)—Left without appointment to attend some of our Schools.
Not placed—
Sumikiyo Arima (California).
Yugoro Oikawa (California).
Shigee Fujii (California).

PROGRAM OF TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING of Pacfic Japanese Mission.

PRELIMINARY MEETING.
August 28-29, 1912.
DR. H. B. JOHNSON, Supt.
President.

Wednesday, August 8.

2:00 P. M. Opening Devotional Services.

Introductory Service — S. Yoshioka
Sermon by Superintendent — H. B. Johnson

3:00 P. M. General Discussion:
Topic: "Camp Evangelization." Leader, A. Kiniwa. Speakers, H. Shirato and O. So.

8:00 P. M. General Discussion:
Topic: "Importance of Family Religion." Leader, K. Baba. Speakers, M. Yoshida and T. Komura.

Thursday, August 29.

8:30 A. M. Devotional Exercises — Leader, Y. Oikawa
Speaker, M. Yoshida.

9:00 A. M. Business Session. — Chairman, H. B. Johnson
Special Business: "Statistics."

10:30 A. M. General Discussion.
Topic: "Publications." Opened by S. Yoshioka.

2:00 P. M. General Discussion.
Topic: "City Evangelization." Leader, K. Matsuoka.

ANNUAL MEETING

First Day, Thursday, August 29.

8:00 P. M. Reception to Bishop Wm. O. Shepard, Ph.D., D.D.
Chairman, S. Kawashima, Pastor.
Greetings from the Los Angeles Church, the Japanese Woman's Home, and the Woman's Temperance Society.
Addresses representing:
"The Japanese Church Federation," Rev. T. Inazawa
"California Japanese Methodism," Rev. T. Komura
"Pacific Coast Japanese Methodism"
Dr. H. B. Johnson
Response for the Pastors — Rev. S. Yoshioka
Response — Bishop Shepard

Second Day, Friday, August 30.

9:00 A. M. Business Session. — Bishop Shepard presiding
Devotional Hour — Bishop Shepard
Organization:
Election of Officers and Appointment of Committees.
Reports of Superintendent, President of Anglo-Japanese School, and Woman's Homes.
Miscellaneous Business.

2:00 P. M. Committee Meetings.

3:00 P. M. General Discussion.
Topics: "Institutional Work." Leader, T. Komuro
Speakers: "Education." — M. S. Vail
"Dormitories." — H. Shirato

8:00 P. M. Mass Meeting (Down Town).
Speakers, H. Shirato, S. Yoshioka, S. Arima.

Third Day, Saturday, August 31.

9:00 A. M. Business Session — Bishop Shepard presiding
Devotional Hour — Bishop Shepard
Reports of Pastors.
Minutes and Miscellaneous Business.

Fourth Day, Sunday, September 1.

10:00 A. M. Love Feast and Lord's Supper. Led by Dr. Julius Soper
11:00 A. M. Sermon, Bishop Wm. O. Shepard, Ph.D., D.D.
8:00 P. M. Sermons. — Speakers to be announced

Fifth Day, Monday, September 2.

9:00 A. M. Business Session. — Bishop Shepard presiding
Devotions — Bishop Shepard
Reports of Statistical Secretary, Treasurer, and Committees.
Closing Address of Bishop Shepard, followed by Appointments.

RECORD OF PASTORS.

ARIMA SUMIYO.—Joined the Presbyterian Church 1891. Grad. of High and Theol. Schools. Made Elder in the Presby. Church, 1899. Served different Presby. churches in Japan, 1905-1910. Joined the Cal. Conf. of the Meth. Episcopal Ch. Sept., 1910. Portland and Tacoma, Wash., 1910-1912.

FUGII, SHIGEE. United with the Church, 1888. Grad. Middle School and P. S. B. I. Joined Japan Conf., '95. Appointed to '02; Shinshiro, '03; Lahaina, Hawaii, '04; Riverside, Cal., '08; Yatsushiro, '95; Omuta, '96; Katumi, '97; Omura, 1900; Gifu, Portland, Oregon, '09-'11.

HIROTA ZENRO.—United with the Church 1886. Special student in Garrett Biblical Institute and Chicago Univ. Pastor at Maui, '91-'92; Manager of the Oakland Mission, '93-'94. Pastor at Fresno, '95; Portland, Oregon, '96-'98. Student in Chicago and Evanston, '99-1901; in Japan, '02; pastor at San Francisco, '03-11. Oakland '11—.

JOHNSON, HERBERT B.—United with the Church in 1878. Grad. High School; Ill. Wesleyan, Ph. B.; Drew Seminary, B. D.; College of the Pacific, D.D. Joined Wyoming Conf. '83. Appointments, Tebo and Port Oram, '81-'82; Luzerne, Pa., '83-'85; Plains, Pa., '86-'87. Prof. in Chinzei Sem., Nagasaki, Japan; Principal of the same, '94-'96; Dean of Anglo-Japanese College, Tokyo, Japan, '96-'97. On furlough in America, '96-'97. Prof. Anglo-Japanese College and Treasurer of the Japan Mission, '97-'98; from '98-1904, South Japan Mission Conf., P. E. Fukuoka Dist., and Mission Treasurer and Acting Principal of Chinzei Gakkwan the last year; Superintendent of the Pacific Japanese Mission 1904.

KITAZAWA, TETSUJI.—Joined the Church 1887. Grad. of Philander Smith Biblical Institute, Tokyo; Apts. in Japan Conf. Komaki, '92; Matsushiro, '95; Adzumi, 1900; Matsumoto, '03; Pacific Jap. Miss., Portland, Oregon, '06; Fresno, Cal., '07-'12.

KOMURO, TOKUJI.—Joined the ch. in 1888. Grad. of Philander Smith Biblical Institute, Tokyo, 1898; Editor of Light of Our Land in 1899; pastor Kings St. Mission, Honolulu, in 1901, and joined Calif. Cong. 1901; Pastor of Lahaina, Hawaii, 1903; San Jose, Cal., 1904-5, Los Angeles '05-11, San Francisco, Cal., '11— Editor Shin Tenchi, 1911—

OIKAWA, YUGORO. Joined the Baptist Church in 1883. Grad. of Presby. Theol. School in Tokyo, and also of the Law Dept. of Waseda Univ.; Pastor in different Presby. Churches in Japan, '91-1908; joined Cal. Conf., '08; Oxnard and Santa Barbara, '08; Riverside, '09-'11.

SHIRATO, HACHIRO.—Joined church in 1898. Grad. of the College in Hirosaki and of Waseda University. 1904-1906 Teacher in the Hakadote Nautical College, and local preacher. Pacific Japanese Mission in 1907. Pueblo and Denver, Col., '07.

VAIL, MILTON S.—Joined the church in 1866. Student in Pennington Sem., '66-'68. Student in the Grand Ducal Gymnasium of Baden, 1870-74. U. S. Vice-Consul for Rhenish Bavaria, 1874. Grad. Boston Univ. Col. of Liberal Arts, 1877. Principal of Preparatory Dept. Ohio State University, '77-'79. Pres. of the Meth. Mission Seminary, Yokohama, Japan, '79-'83. Professor in the Aoyoma College, Tokyo, '83-'84. Furlough in U. S. A., '84-'85. Prof. of Theology in P. S. B. I., Tokyo, Japan, '85-88. Dean of P. S. B. I. '88-'93. Prof. of Theology in P. S. B. I., '93-'94. On furlough in America, and Fellow by courtesy of Johns-Hopkins Univ., '94-'95. Prof. of Theology and Instructor in English and German in Chinzei Seminary, Nagasaki, Japan, '95-1900. On furlough in America, 1900-1902. Principal and President of the Anglo-Japanese Training School, San Francisco, 1902. Joined Maine Conference, 1879. Transferred to Japan Conf. 1885, and transferred to California Conf., 1906.

YOSHIDA, MORIZO.—Joined the church in 1883. Grad. of Normal School, and took all the studies of the traveling preacher. Joined the California Conf. 1897. Previous to that time had served various charges in Japan. Pacific Japanese Mission: San Jose 1896; Los Angeles, '97-'02; Sacramento, '02-'06; Tokyo, Japan, '06-'08; Sacramento, '08.

YOSHIOKA, SEIMEI.—Joined the church in 1891. Grad. of Chinzei College, Nagasaki. Philander Smith Biblical Institute; Wakamatsu 1897-1901. Pacific Japanese Mission, 1904. Portland, Oregon, 1904. Seattle, '05.

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FIRST SESSION.

Friday, August 30, 1912.

The Pacific Japanese Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened for its Thirteenth Annual Session in the Japanese Methodist Mission, No. 1120 Georgia Street, Los Angeles, Cal., Friday, August 30, at 9 a. m., with Bishop William O. Shepard as presiding officer.

The Bishop gave out the hymn Showers of Blessings, which was sung, and then he led in an earnest prayer to God, and afterwards, in words of sympathy and love, addressed the Conference, urging upon us all the necessity of simply placing ourselves in God's hands as WILLING instruments to perform His pleasure, which would result in our complete success.

Members Present.

The Secretary of the last Annual Meeting called the roll and the following answered to their names: H. B. Johnson, H. Shirato, S. Kawashima, M. S. Vail, K. Baba, T. Komuro, S. Arima, M. Yoshida, Otoe So, S. Yoshioka and A. Kiniwa. K. Matsuoka, who recently came from Japan, and who for the past few months has been acting as supply at San Jose, was introduced. Y. Oikawa was also introduced. The Superintendent stated that T. Kitazawa had returned to Japan and that Z. Hirota was absent on account of ill health, and he was excused.

Organization.

The following Conference Officers were elected: Secretary, Milton S. Vail; Japanese Secretary, S. Yoshioka; Statistical Secretary, Otoe So; Treasurer, M. Yoshida.

Program.

On motion of T. Komuro it was voted to adopt the printed Program as our program for this Annual Meeting.

Committees.

The following Committees were nominated by H. B. Johnson, and were duly elected:

Audit: M. S. Vail and Pastor at San Francisco.

Benevolences: Otoe So, K. Baba, H. B. Johnson.

Christian Literature: S. Kawashima, Otoe So, S. Yoshioka, T. Komuro and H. Shirato.

Home Missions and Church Extension: H. B. Johnson, M. Yoshida, S. Kawashima, H. Shirato.

Education—Secular and Christian: M. S. Vail, S. Yoshioka, T. Komuro and S. Kawashima.

Epworth Leagues: K. Baba, K. Matsuoka and Otoe So.

Appropriations, Redistribution and Estimates: H. B. Johnson, T. Komuro, S. Yoshioka, S. Kawashima, M. Yoshida.

New Work: H. B. Johnson, T. Komuro, M. Yoshida, S. Yoshioka, S. Kawashima, H. Shirato.

Resolutions: M. S. Vail, K. Baba, A. Kiniwa.

Self Support: T. Komuro, M. Yoshida, H. Shirato, H. B. Johnson, Otoe So, S. Yoshioka.

Temperance and Social Reform: M. Yoshida, H. Shirato, T. Komuro.

Woman's Homes: S. Yoshioka, T. Komuro, S. Kawashima, H. B. Johnson.

Introductions.

Rev. Julius Soper, D. D., for many years a devoted missionary of our Church in Japan, was introduced and he addressed the meeting. Rev. J. K. Inazawa, President of the Japanese Christian Alliance for Southern California, was introduced and he spoke. The following visiting brethren and friends were then introduced: S. Kobayashi from San Francisco, K. Honma from Oakland, M. Kishida from Riverside, A. Kato from Santa Barbara, T. Tabata from Los Angeles, Yasaburo Tsuda from Riverside, Shinto Sagara of Los Angeles, T. Odani of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. William Hanscome of Los Angeles, Rev. Robert J. Taylor, one of our Methodist pastors in Los Angeles; Rev. Dr. Larkin, General Superintendent of the Los Angeles District, gave a short but much appreciated address. Mrs. Emma Baird, Manager of the Japanese Woman's Home in Los Angeles, was introduced, as was also Dr. Green, Secretary of the Southern California Conference Claimants Funds, who spoke of his work. He was followed by Mrs. J. B. Green, Corresponding Secretary of Conference Organization for the W. H. M. S. Mrs. Green gave an interesting account of her work.

Superintendent's Report.

Dr. Johnson's character was passed and he read his Report, which was received and ordered printed in the English Minutes.

Onward, Christian Soldiers was then sung and M. S. Vail read the Report of the Anglo Japanese Training School. His character was passed and the Report was received and ordered printed in the Official Journal.

Woman's Work in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Emma Baird read the Report of the Woman's Home in Los Angeles which was prepared by Mrs. C. B. Perkins, Secretary of the Bureau for work among the Japanese and Koreans. The Report was received and ordered printed in th Official Journal.

Preacher's Aid Fund.

Dr. Johnson explained our methods with reference to Conference Claimants Funds, and by general consent, T. Komuro, Treas-

urer of the Preacher's Fund, made a verbal report showing that $476 had been collected. His Report was accepted, and the morning meeting adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Doctor Soper.

SECOND SESSION.

The second session was opened at 9 a. m. Saturday, August 31, by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and by prayer by the Bishop, who followed in a very helpful and suggestive address on Safety to be found in God. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Introductions.

Rev. Dr. Welsh, Mrs. K. Baba, recently from Japan, and Bros. Kato, Fujii and Nishiwo, and also a young man by the name of Yashino, were introduced; the last named was converted in the mass meeting held on the streets last night.

Picnic to Eagle Park.

It was moved by S. Kawashima, seconded and carried, that we accept the invitation of the Japanese Christian Alliance of Southern California to a picnic to Eagle Rock this afternoon.

Adjournment.

It was moved by H. B. Johnson that, when we adjourn, it be to meet next Monday morning at 9 a. m.

Pastors' Reports.

Moved by Otoe So, and carried, that five minutes be allowed each pastor in which to give his report. H. Shirato of Denver read his report and told of his plan for an institutional church. In the absence of T. Kitazawa, Dr. Johnson gave the reports for Fresno and Bakersfield. S. Kawashima read his report for Los Angeles; our church is most active in visiting the sick in the hospitals. In the absence of Z. Hirota, M. S. Vail read his report for Oakland and Berkeley; K. Baba of Oxnard and Santa Barbara, Otoe So of Riverside, and M. Yoshida of Stockton and Sacramento, read their reports. The character of each pastor was passed.

Introductions.

After singing two verses of a familiar hymn, Edward Thompson Hatfield, who was named for one of our Bishops and who was born in Athens, Ohio, a town that gave Bishops Cranston, MacCabe and Moore to Methodism, was introduced. Mr. Hatfield's father, Prof. J. L. Hatfield, has been a life long friend of the Secretary of this Annual Meeting, and the son's visit was greatly appreciated, and attention was called to the fact that his sister, Doctor Lena Hatfield, is a very successful missionary physician at Foochow, China.

Prof. C. C. Bragdon, LL.D., of Pasadena, one of Methodism's most prominent and successful educators, and one who is loved by hundreds of happy women, whom he educated at Lasell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass., was also introduced.

Reports Continued.

In the absence of S. Uemura of Spokane, Dr.; Johnson gave his report. S. Arima of Tacoma and Portland, S. Yoshioka of Seattle, A. Kinewa of Vacaville,, I. Matsuoka of San Jose, and T. Komuro of San Francisco read their reports and their characters were passed.

On motion of Otoe So a committee of three was appointed to see what should be done to Dr. Johnson for having the hardihood to work among the Japanese people for 25 years. Otoe So, M. S. Vail and S. Kawashima were chosen as the committee.

Disciplinary Questions.

The Bishop then put the usual disciplinary questions. See another page.

Local Deacon.

On motion of S. Kawashima, K. Baba was recommended for ordination as Local Deacon to the Southern California Conference.

Adjournment.

On motion of S. Arima the meeting adjourned after the benediction had been pronounced by Bishop Shepard.

THIRD SESSION, MONDAY SEPT. 2, 1912.

The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer; the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Place for the Next Annual Meeting.

On motion of S. Yoshioka, Seattle was chosen as the next place for the holding of our Annual Meeting.

Addresses from Laymen.

The following lay brethren were invited to say a few words each, and I. Honma, Asaki Kato and Shichiro Kobayashi spoke a few words about the work being done in the churches with which they are connected. The lay brethren from Riverside having returned home there was regret expressed that we could not have a word from them also.

Reports.

The regular reports on the various subjects were then read and adopted. See reports elsewhere.

Dr. Julius Soper.

H. B. Johnson moved the following and it was voted: We express our great pleasure at the presence of Dr. Julius Soper with us during this Annual Meeting, who is providentially residing in Southern California, and we recommend to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and to the Methodists of Southern

California, the favorable consideration of a plan looking toward securing Dr. Soper's services in our Japanese work in California. The following committee was appointed by the Bishop to attend to this matter: H. B. Johnson, M. S. Vail and S. Kawashima.

Publication of English Minutes.

Moved by M. Yoshida, seconded and carried that the English Minutes shall be the Official Journal of this Annual Meeting, and that H. B. Johnson and M. S. Vail be the editors, with power to make any changes.

Local Board.

On motion of Otoe So the following were chosen the Local Board of Home Missions and Church Extension: H. B. Johnson, M. S. Vail, Z. Hirota, K. Suzuki of Oakland and S. Kobayashi of San Francisco.

Addresses.

Rev. Y. Oikawa and Mr. T. Anzai of Berkeley made short addresses. T. Komuro reported the arrival of Bro. Yamaka from Hawaii, who is now in San Francisco. It was moved by Z. Baba and carried that we send, through the Secretary, greetings to Bro. Hirota in Oakland, Bro. Uemura in Spokane, and to Bro. Yamaka who has just arrived from Honolulu.

Rev. Edward James.

A letter from the Superintendent of Chinese Missions was read and heartily appreciated, and the Secretary was requested to make a suitable reply, sending the best wishes of our Mission to our Chinese brethren and to their Superintendent.

Preachers' Aid.

On motion of A. Kiniwa it was voted that the $52 now on hand be left with the Superintendent and President of the Praecher's Aid Society, to be used according to their discretion for necessitous cases.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Presentation.

Otoe So, of Riverside, got the floor and in a short but felicitous speech congratulated Dr. Johnson on the twenty-fifth anniversary of work among the Japanese people, and said that, although his success was due in part to his strict devotion and personal gifts, yet no doubt Mrs. Johnson had contributed much, and therefore we felt that she, too, should be remembered on this happy occasion. Bro. So then presented to Dr. and Mrs. Johnson appropriate gifts which were mounted in silver. Both the Bishop and Dr. Johnson then spoke words of appreciation and thanks.

Telegram to Dr. Forsythe.

On motion of H. Shirato, Dr. Johnson was authorized to send a telegram to Dr. Forsythe concerning matters having reference to Home Missions and Church Extension.

Bro. Nasu of the Los Angeles Church addressed the meeting in English and Japanese.

Religious Conditions.

The following was moved by S. Kawashima and the matter was carried: Whereas, the Hon. Yosaburo Takegoshi, a member of the Imperial Japanese Parliament is now in America investigating the general, secular and material conditions of the Japanese in this country, Resolved that the attention of this Commissioner should in some way be brought to the importance of also investigating the religious condition of our people on this coast, because we believe that things Spiritual and Moral are of as great value as things Material.

On motion of S. Arima it was voted that we request our papers in Los Angeles and Seattle to publish as much as they can of our Japanese Minutes.

Adjournment.

On motion of M. Yoshida it was voted that our Annual Meeting stand adjourned after the reading of the Minutes and of the Appointments. The Bishop addressed the Conference in a few well chosen words of encouragement and hope, read the Appointments, pronounced the benediction and the thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Pacific Japanese Mission was adjourned sine die.

CERTIFICATION.

We hereby certify that the above is a correct report of the Proceedings of the Thirteenth Session of the Pacific Japanese Mission, and that the English Minutes were adopted by the Mission as its Official Record of Proceedings.

Attest: WM. O. SHEPARD, Bishop in Charge.
MILTON S. VAIL Secretary.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that we have carefully examined the accounts of H. B. Johnson, Superintendent and Treasurer; that they are neatly and accurately kept; that the expenditures are in harmony with the appropriations, and that there are proper vouchers to cover all expenditures.

We also certify that we have examined the Book of Special Accounts, including the Conference Collections for last year, that there are vouchers to cover all expenditures and that these accounts are correct.

T. KOMURO,
MILTON S. VAIL,
Conference Auditing Committee.

PACIFIC JAPANESE MISSION.

Report of Herbert B. Johnson, D.D., Superintendent, 1912.

Seriousness and devoutness will, without doubt, mark this, the thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Pacific Japanese Mission, in view of the recent passing of His Majesty, Mutsuhito, the late Emperor of Japan, and of the home going of Bishop Yoitsu Honda, the first Kantoku of the Japan Methodist Church and the first Oriental to be consecrated a Bishop in any Protestant Church.

During the long reign of His Majesty—known as Meiji, the period of enlightenment—Japan came to be universally recognized as one of the great world powers; and His Majesty, whose influence was so strongly felt in the nation and the world, will certainly be recognized in history as one of the greatest rulers of all eras and countries. The entire civilized world mourns his departure and unites in sympathy to the Imperial Family and the Japanese people.

Bishop Honda, in his sphere, was likewise a world character, recognized in leadership by all denominations both in the Orient and the Occident. He was loyal to his high ideals and to the Christ. We shall long remember his visit to our Annual Meeting two years ago, and I can never forget his courtesy and kindness last Fall during my visit to the General Conference in Japan.

Special Courtesies.

At the request of my brethren and with the approval of Bishop Hughes and Secretary Forbes of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, I was privileged in October last to bear in person the greetings of the Mission to the General Confeernce of the Methodist Church of Japan, and I cannot speak too highly of the courtesies extended to me. I was twice invited to address the Conference, my formal address being printed in the Gokyo, the official Church paper. The Japanese Government, through its higher officials, also extended to me special courtesy both in Japan and in Korea, and his Majesty graciously gave me unusual recognition. I trust that my visit to Japan and Korea may be of great value to our work here.

My Itinerary.

Notwithstanding a two month's absence on account of my trip to Japan, and a short visit to our own General Conference, I have visited and held meetings in twenty-seven places during the conference year, an average of three times for the seventeen regular appointments. The record is as follows:

CAIFORNIA—Bakersfield 3, Fillmore 1, Florin 1, Fresno 4, Lompoc 2, Los Angeles 6, Loomis 2, Long Beach 1, Mills 1, Oxnard 3, Pacific 1, Palo Alto 5, Riverside 3, Sacramento 4, San Jose 8, Santa Barbara 2, Selma 3, Suisun 2, Vacaville 3, Winters 1. Of

course, I have visited Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco frequently.

EAST OF THE MOUNTAINS.—Denver 1, Omaha 1, Pueblo 1.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST.—Portland 2, Spokane 1, Tacoma 2, and Seattle 2. On the occasion of some of these visits, I have spent five or six days in a place. I have gone more frequently to places where there has been some special interest, as to San Jose on account of property matters. It was in my plan to make another visit to the Pacific Northwest, but I had to postpone until immediately after this Annual Meeting, as the new church at Seattle was not quite ready for dedication.

Special Duties.

During the year, several special duties came to me because of my long connection with missionary problems. I was asked to represent the Orientals in America at five Home Missionary Parliaments in the early spring, to speak in connection with the Men and Religion Movement, and not a little of my time has been taken in State Survey work for the Home Missions Council. At a meeting held in San Francisco in November, I was asked by the Methodist representatives to act for our denomination in the survey in this State, and a little later I was elected Chairman of the Interdenominational State Committee whose work covers all of the counties of the State but the ten southern ones. I have attended the monthly meetings, and have personally conducted the survey in six counties. In addition, I represented our Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in the preliminary all day survey at Reno, Nevada, and at Phoenix, Arizona. In both places, I took opportunity to look up Japanese conditions.

Changed Conditions.

In his report for 1892, twenty years ago, Dr. Harris gave the population of California as 4000 to 5000, three-fourths of whom were in San Francisco and suburban towns. About 1500 arrived that year, and the first opposition was aroused on the part of the labor unions. The Bishop said: "The student class formerly predominated, but merchants, artisans, and especially laborers have increased much faster of late and are now in the majority." During the past few years, women have formed a large percentage of the newer immigration, and Japanese homes are being established now not only in the cities but in the rural districts where the Japanese have leased land and are conducting fruit and vegetable ranches successfully. In some cases they have purchased land. They have scattered more widely and are becoming more settled. While Japanese immigrants have always maintained a good standard of intelligence and morality, the standard has been gradually raised

by the Japanese government without whose consent none can emigrate. This fact has made it very easy for our own government to deal with the Japanese immigration question.

Present Immigration Problem.

The problem today is to secure an adequate supply of efficient laborers rather than to restrict Japanese immigration. The San Francisco Chronicle, which started the agitation against the Japanese, said: "Japanese laborers have ceased to come, as a result of the friendly official action of the Japanese government, in respect to whose faith there is no question whatever. In the face of this situation, any anti-Oriental legislation or attempted legislation will be justly regarded as demagogic attempts to gain personal notoriety by stirring up race hatred."

But this does not stop the agitation. As a special method of extending a cordial welcome to the Japanese Commissioners who recently came to San Francisco to select the site and arrange for the coming Exposition, on the eve of their arrival the Bulletin Boards of the City were covered with large posters, about six feet by nine, upon which were painted in large, conspicuous red letters three words, FIRE THE JAP. Along side in large black letters were: "No white man or woman can compete with Japanese and maintain the white man's standard." It was signed by the Anti-Japanese Laundry League. This is more than anti-alien. There are laundries in large numbers advertised as French, German, Chinese, etc. But the Japanese laundries are specially prosperous because of their promptness and good work at prices equal to the best. A recent editorial in one of the daily papers, quoting a census bulletin shows that there are nearly 40,000 not naturalized aliens of voting age in San Francisco of whom about one-fourth are Asiatics. And Los Angeles has 15,479 not naturalized aliens, a little over one-fourth being Asiatics. It must be remembered that the Chinese figure large in these figures, but Asiatics are not the only aliens. In the matter of remittances to the mother countries, the Europeans compare favorably with the Asiatics if they do not surpass them. Recent official statistics indicate that the Japanese spend their money very largely in this country. In every other way except inter-marriage, we assimilate the Japanese, and intermarriage the Japanese do not desire.

The Real Problem.

While we have no japanese immigration problem on our hands, we have one that should demand the solicitude and prayer of the Christian Church, not to speak of its best thought and effort. While the Japanese population is decreasing, there are still seventy-five or eighty thousand. As compared with those in Japan, they are at

our door. Much has already been done for them by several denominations, specially by ours. It is more difficult to reach them than formerly. Many reasons could be assigned, among them being this discrimination, their better knowledge of English which creates less of a demand for our schools, the corrupting influence of certain Anglo-Saxons and non-Christian Chinese and Japanese a long time in this country, the activity of Japanese Buddhism in organizing to hold their adherents, and the fact that the people are much more widely scattered than formerly.

Many denominations have entered the field, some of which are spending money most lavishly. Our well known policy of working toward self-support makes it easy for those not specially interested in the Kingdom to go elsewhere. To hold our own would spell victory, but we are doing much better.

Comparison with the Past.

Dr. Harris (now Bishop) came to the work on the Coast in 1886, before which it had been carried on in the Chinese Mission. A great revival occurred in the early nineties. The present Superintendent took up the work in 1904. Four dates will be used for comparison:

	1887	1894	1904	1911
No. of Missions	2	5	10	18
No. of Probationers	10	314	210	177
No. of Full members	90	678	593	901
No. of Church Buildings	0	1	4	11
Value of Church Buildings ..	———	$20,000	$36,000	$91,425
Value of Parsonages			250	2,800
Paid for Pastoral Support...	$ 70	1,620	2,908	3,835
Paid Property and Indebtedness	628	1,500	4,434	6,660
Paid Regular Benevolences .	135	342	419	1,360
Paid other Benev., Current, etc..	599	2,301	2,261	4,598
Total paid per year	$ 1432	5,763	10,022	16,453
Total Church Indebtedness..	——	8,000	9,177	8,896

It will be noticed that there was little net growth for ten years, from 1894, following three years of revival, to 1904. During the past eight years, while the conditions have been quite unfavorable, the growth has been substantial, specially along financial lines. The return to Japan of so many of our Christians during the past two or three years, particularly the last, has had its effect. But we are determined to keep our ranks full and add to them. We give to the churches in the home land gladly, knowing by experience of the blessed results. Many preachers and prominent laymen have been raised up here who are at work either in Japan, Korea, or

Hawaii. The development of a native ministry has been one of the encouraging features of this work. This is not a matter of the past simply. At the present, a number of our men are studying in various colleges or theological schools.

Buddhism Aggressive.

Our churches are aggressive but not so much so as I wish they were. We have a great competitor in Buddhism. I wish I could say they are co-workers. I fear their work does not tend either to the uplift of the Japanese residents on the coast or to better relations between the two countries. Their missions are to be found in practically all the cities and towns where we are located and in some which are occupied by other denominations where we are not represented. They have missions in one or two places where no Christian work is carried on. They have secured property for most of their missions, well located and valuable in most cases. They have specially fine buildings in Los Angeles, Fresno, Portland, and Seattle, and are about erecting a fine building in San Francisco. In some cases, as with us, they have purchased former residences and modified the buildings. Two of our Missions have suffered during the past year from petty persecution where their people have been in the vast majority.

Their missions are also used by a Hindu priest in a propaganda to win Americans. He has borrowed some of our Christian hymns, like Nearer my God to Thee, and Joy to the World, in which the name of Christ is not used, and has modified others. Here is a sample:

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My holy Buddha's praise;
The glories of my teacher great,
The triumphs of his grace.

"Buddha, the name that kills our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the seeker's ears,
'Tis life, and health and peace.

"Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Buddha come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy."

The attendance of white people at these services is calculated to influence the Japanese, and particularly the Japanese children for whom the Japanese Buddhists are putting forth much effort.

Co-operative Effort.

While much embarrassment and waste come in connection with the establishment of new missions by other denominations, which is to be regretted, there being two cases this past year, on the whole there is real co-operation and a sentiment and plan looking toward more complete federation. The Japanese pastors and Christians in Central California have organized the "Dendo-dan," Japanese interdenominational Board of Missions, and support a Christian Monthly and an evangelist for our country work. After careful preparation for months, a Japanese Young Woman's Christian Association was organized July 25th last, in co-operation with the San Francisco Y. W. C. A. They have established a Home for young women. The most recent move has been the establishment of a Union Japanese Mission at Long Beach by a board, of five representing sixteen Protestant churches of that city, of which three are Methodist The Governing Board is made up of representatives of the Baptist, Christian, Congregational, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches. They have opened a school, and expect to employ a regular Japanese pastor. It is their plan to open a branch mission in the country near by. This is a new thing in Japanese mission work, and is still in the experimental stage. Humanly speaking, its success will depend upon an efficient Japanese pastor and upon continued close co-operation between the various American churches. The governing board is wisely co-operating with the Japanese Christian Alliance of Southern California.

Another organization should be mentioned in this connection, the Council of Co-operating Missions among Orientals, in connection with the Home Missions Council. Quarterly meetings of Superintendents and other workers duly appointed by the Boards are held. Those so far held give promise of a better understanding and more complete co-operation. The State Sunday School Association, after consultation with this Council, took action at the last meeting looking toward the representation of our Oriental work at large Sunday School gatherings and towards union effort in teacher training. This is the era of federation, and great wisdom will be needed in these new movements lest the last state shall be worse than the first. It is a great encouragement to us who have long been in the work to know that the American churches are becoming more and more interested. As a denomination, we have a special mission to the Japanese, but of course in co-operation with others.

Pastoral Changes.

After few changes for quite a term of years, there was a general transfer of pastors last year, particularly in the leading appointments. And as two or three charges usually supplied by local

preachers were left to be filled, there are at present an unusually large number of one year men. This will greatly influence our growth in membership, particularly as there have been two or three post conference changes which were anticipated a year ago.

The only churches which have had pastors more than one year are Denver and Pueblo, Oxnard Circuit, Sacramento, including Loomis, Seattle and Tacoma. When in Japan, I arranged for the coming of K. Matsuoka, a grduate of our Theological School at Tokyo, who took charge of the San Jose church in April and thus relieved Z. Hirota for more work in Oakland and Berkeley. In June, T. Kitazawa returned to Japan to become pastor at Nagano, as per arrangement with Bishop Honda, and we expect a member of the Japan Conference soon, in exchange, probably to become pastor of a church in the Northwest.

Effect of Changes.

There are two ways in which changes in pastors effect membership in our churches. More than in the American churches, it is difficult for new pastors to secure a footing the first year. As accessions to the churches largely result from the personal work of the pastors, we cannot naturally expect as many baptisms under these circumstances as in a normal year. Then again, the change in pastor is usually an occasion of cutting down the membership roll. Much more than in the American churches, our Japanese members migrate. It is sometimes months or years before they take letters, especially if they move to places where we have no organized work. It is more difficult for new pastors to locate such members or to keep in touch with them than for those who enjoy a personal acquaintance.

As a result of these conditions, two or three things seem desirable if not necessary—a careful revision of the membership rolls of all our churches in consultation with the older members, a more complete system of pastoral letters to reach and aid absent members, and more complete organization of the membership of the churches for evangelistic effort in order that the work may not suffer at the time of the change of pastors.

Review of the Work.

The pastors will present their own reports, and will give details for which there is not now time. A summary of these will be found in the Statistical tables. However, certain observations are desirable, specially for those who will see this report in print. There are three natural divisions of the work—California, the Pacific Northwest, and Colorado.

CALIFORNIA—BAKERSFIELD—In Bakersfield we have an

illustration of what can be accomplished through the fidelity of members migrating to new fields, encouraged by our American Christians and the occasional visits of our pastors. The work has been attached to and supplied from Fresno, one hundred miles distant. The members last year purchased a lot for $750, and this year have put up a building with two rooms for $332, suitable for a parsonage but now used for a meeting place, and have $300 in good subscriptions toward a mission building. This all without the aid of the Board of Home Missions. They ask for the appointment of a pastor, and for aid in putting up their building. The Buddhists have an organization and a good new church building. Three children baptized.

BERKELEY.—There are about thirty Methodist Japanese Christians in Berkeley, heretofore cared for by our Oakland pastor and connected, for the most part, with that church. It is an important and fruitful fielld. Each year quite a number of our Methodist Japanese young men are students in the State University or in the Pacific Theological Seminary, formerly Congregational, but now union. A very good class of Japanese live here, many of whom have business in San Francisco and elsewhere. Meetings have been held both in the Trinity Church and in the homes of the members. A Berkeley class has recently been formed for which great credit belongs to S. Kawashima, the former pastor at Oakland, and to Z. Hirota, the present pastor. Six have been baptized the past year and the outlook is hopeful. A modest appropriation, separate from Oakland, is asked to provide a Church home in a rented house, which is a necessity if we are to develop a Methodist work. So far we have not entered the field because of a so-called Union Japanese Church and Night School affiliated with the Christian Church. As we have many more Christians than any other organization, and as they strongly desire a Methodist mission, we have a special duty to provide for them.

FRESNO AND SELMA.—Fresno is in the very heart of the great San Joaquin valley and is the center of the raisin industry. Thousands of Japanese are employed, specially in the autumn. Many of these find employment in the orange fields in the south during the winter. We have a neat church property both here and at Selma, but no dormitory in either case. T. Kitazawa, the pastor, left for Japan in June, as already noted, since which time the work has been cared for by O. Seki. We expect soon K. Yamaka from the Hawaiian Mission, the son of a Methodist preacher and a graduate of our Theological School in Tokyo. This has been a very hard year and little advance has been made. Mrs. Deyo, a member of First Church and a volunteer worker, has continued her very efficient work in the Sunday School.

The Buddhists are strongly entrenched in a fine property con-

taining a temple, dormitory, and school. It is also used by a Hindu missionary among the whites, as may be seen from the following church notice from one of the city dailies:

"Buddhist—1340 Kern, Corner E. English services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 3 p. m. Dean, Very Rev. M. Ichimura; assistants, Rev. S. Harada and Rev. J. Tatsuguchi; English preacher, Rt. Rev. Bishop Mazzinian-anda Svami. 10:30 a. m. pontificial high mass with English sermon. 'Man a Wonderful Creation;' 3 p. m. solemn pontificial vespers and benediction, with English sermon, 'Reincarnation Proven by the Christian Bible,' by the Venerable Right Rev. Mazzinan-anda Svami. Thursday night, at 8 o'clock, the bishop will commence a series of popular lectures on Health, Youth, Beauty, Love. American friends are cordially invited to hear the distinguished speaker."

LOOMIS.—Loomis, heretofore a part of the Sacramento charge, was recognized last year in a separate appropriation, the Sacramento part being reduced more than enough to cover it. As against $120 supplied by the appropriation, the local society has raised $80 from class money and offerings and $75 for our regular benevolences. The church is composed of Japanese farmers and their families, who meet regularly on Sunday in a hall. The Sacramento pastor, M. Yoshida, visits them twice monthly. The little society is in fine spiritual condition. Four adults baptized.

LOS ANGELES.—This is the center of a great section, the pastor not only working in the city but also visiting Ocean Park, Monita, Azusa, Winterburg, etc. Until the establishment of the Union Mission he also visited Long Beach. Mrs. Kawashima, the pastor's wife, on account of illness, returned to Japan a few months ago with their children, carrying with her the sympathy and love of many friends. The public meetings are well attended, and the family meetings are specially successful. A fine work for the children living down town has been started at considerable expense, a special committee being in charge of bringing the children and returning them to their homes. The Epworth League is active in hospital visitation, literary work, music, etc., and renders substantial aid to the pastor in the Church Paper which is circulated throughout Southern California.

The church provides all its current expenses, which are very heavy, including institutional work, and pays about half of the pastor's salary. In addition it contributes over $150 for the regular benevolences. The society has had to meet a tax of nearly $600 during the year for street improvement. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension generously aided them in this by loan and grant in view of the very heavy burden the church has been carrying on account of property. A hopeful feature for the future

is the baptism of six children beside three adults. The Woman's Home will receive consideration elsewhere.

OAKLAND.—The pastor, Z. Hirota, has had a very busy year. In addition to his duties in Oakland, he has had charge of the work in Berkeley already referred to, and supplied at San Jose until Brother Matsuoka came. He has not been well of late, and his absence at our Annual Meeting is greatly regretted.

Like Los nAgeles, this church has been under a very heavy burden for property, but light has begun to dawn. The debt has been reduced over $325 this year, leaving about $1,700 including a loan which the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension generously made a few months since. The expenditure for taxes, insurance and interest amount to about $300 per year. A plan has been made to wipe out a large part of the debt early next year. The pastor has been greatly aided by K. Homma, a local preacher. Baptized four adults.

OXNARD CIRCUIT.—This is, indeed, a great circuit, extending from Guadalupe to Fillmore, including Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Oxnard and Santa Paula. The church at Oxnard has a good property, including church and dormitory, worth $3,000, toward which the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension was asked to provide only $200. This has been secured largely through the personal work of the pastor, K. Baba, who was one of the first members at Oxnard. He has recently taken to himself a helpmeet in the person of Miss Nishimura, formerly a Bible Woman in Japan. Among the special features of the work are a woman's meeting and a school for children, including Sunday school classes which they also attend. The only other work for Japanese in this great territory is a small Congregational mission at Santa Brbara opened after we went there. Though we baptized one adult and two children there this year, it seems better that we retire. There is a hopeful opening for us at Lompoc. Baptisms, including Lompoc, two children and three adults.

PALO ALTO.—Our Mission at Palo Alto sustains the same relation to the Japanese students in Stanford University that the one in Berkeley does to those in the University of California. There is quite a Japanese population also in the town. Our mission was started as a branch from San Jose, but during the past year has been connected with San Francisco. T. Komuro, the pastor, visits Palo Alto regularly twice a month, and has recently baptized two adults. Mrs. F. M. Whitmer is greatly interested in our work, and has recently assisted in starting a Sunday school for smlal children. Our mission home is in a rented building, a part of the rent being provided by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. The members are loyal in attending the services and in doing their

part in supporting the work and our various benevolent enterprises.

RIVERSIDE.—This church, situated in the heart of the Orange Belt, notwithstanding the unusual frost that wrought such havoc has enjoyed one of the best years in its history. Very early in the year a neat and comfortable parsonage was built at a cost of about $1,000, one-half of which has been paid in cash. The property is worth easily now $4,500, and all that the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has put into it is $250. In view of this and the financial embarrassment of that whole section, we ought to ask the Board to assist in paying this balance. In addition to this five hundred for property, this church has paid this year half of the pastor's salary, one hundred dollars fo current expenses, another hundred for regular benevolences, and quite a sum for special benevolences. Ten have been baptized. A very interesting work is carried on in the Japanese camps about the city by the Epworth Leaguers. For three days during April, a very profitable District Meeting was held at Riverside. It was an institute and convention combined. The tone was high, and the influence—particularly the spiritual influence—most helpful.

SACRAMENTO.—Up to the present, Sacramento has been a large circuit. Reference has been made to the cutting off of Loomis. Notwithstanding this and the fact that the appropriation was cut more than sufficient to make the difference, the church has raised considerably more than half the amount needed for pastoral support and current expenses, and has given liberally for benevolences. In many ways it has been a hard year, and yet seven adults and nine children have been baptized. The hope of our work is in the children, though it is very hard to hold them where Buddhism is so well established. At Sacramento we have a good property worth $5,700 free of debt, thanks to the generous aid of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. The members have sacrificed greatly to secure this. The Presbyterians have established a mission in the city during the year not far from our Mission and that of the Episcopalians. With the exception of Sacramento, there is no Japanese mission between Stockton and the head of the great Sacramento valley. We ought to put at least one more preacher into this great section. Brother Yoshida has served this church long and faithfully and is much beloved.

SAN FRANCISCO.—This is the mother Japanese church of this Coast, and so is due the respect and affection and love of children to a worthy parent. The church has never had a more difficult year. The agitation has naturally affected it more than any other. It has suffered very greatly from removals. Two adults and two children have been baptized. For some reason, the School did not furnish its usual quota of new converts..

This has been brother Komuro's first year, and he has been instant in season and out of season. Though the members have been widely scattered, this church the past year has raised for pastoral support, including house rent, current expenses, indebtedness, and benevolences nearly $1200. Of this $423 represents class money and $128 Sunday offerings. The balance, with the exception of the benevolences, has been raised specially. There is a very good Sunday school for small children, and the Epworth League is active. Quite like many of our American churches, the best Sabbath attendance is in the morning. There is every reason to believe that next year will be very successful.

SAN FRANCISCO—INSTITUTIONAL WORK.—First in the list of institutions in all our missions is the Anglo-Japanese School under the presidency of Prof. M. S. Vail, the founder of our Methodist educational work in Japan. He has stood the strenuous work of the teacher and administrator during the year, and has just entered upon another school year in fine condition. He is devoted, progressive, and loyal, and conducts the best school for Japanese on the Coast. He has high ideals, and deserves the sympathy of the churches and the support of the Board. In name the institution is a Training School. We hope that it may again become so in fact. The Commencement exercises held June tenth were of a very high order. Seven young men received diplomas, representing both the afternoon and evening schools. The teachers associated with Prof. Vail, both Japanese and American, are faithful and efficient. Though we have a good building suitable for chucrh and school, we have never been able to rebuild our dormitories nor to restore the printing plant since the great fire. Both are necessary, specially in view of the coming Exposition. We hope to rebuild next year provided the Board can aid us with a loan.

Another institution worthy of special mention is the Ellen Stark Ford Home for Japanese and Korean Women and Children under the care of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Its success is its embarrassment. Though recently enlarged, it is now crowded, the ages ranging from little babies to girls of High School age and grade. There are newer homes at Los Angeles and Seattle doing similar work which is most commendable. A separate report of this work will be presented.

SAN JOSE.—Ours is the only Christian Japanese mission in the fruit producing Santa Clara Valley where thousands of Japanese are employed. There are two Buddhist missions. For several years our mission was composed mostly of students, but the character has greatly changed. We are endeavoring to meet the need of a family church. Last year the local society, by heroic effort and without aid from the Board, purchased a lot at a cost of $650. This year the Church has been incorporated, the property transferred, plans

of a church building accepted in Philadelphia, and a grant in aid made to be available when our conference credit will permit. Reference has already been made to the coming of Brother Matsuoka. There are grave difficulties ahead, but the outlook is hopeful. Three adults baptized.

VACAVILLE.—This large circuit has been supplied during the year by A. Kiniwa, a grduate of the Moody Bible School, who during his first year has been tried as with fire. At present it is our weakest charge. We have a good property worth $2800, all but $600 having been raised locally. However, because the town trustees would not give permission to build on our centrally located lot, on account of opposition in certain quarters, we were forced to locate some distance from the Oriental quarter. But the city trustees who, two or three years ago, would not permit a Christian church to be built have, during the past year, permitted the Buddhists to build in that very locality. Let us hope that the men officially representing the town today are different in person as well as in spirit.

As I predicted then, our people have scattered. Few of the twenty-eight members reported live in town. They gave $84 last year for local expenses and $68 for benevolences. The pastor has labored most faithfully, having frequently visited Winters and Suisun, ten miles distant in each direction as well as all the country between. One child baptized.

UNOCCUPIED FIELDS.—It is clear, from what I have already said, that we have not the entire responsibility for evangelizing all the Japanese in California. Other denominations are at work, and much is being done in country visitation by the "Dendo-dan," the Japanese Interdenomiatioal Board of Missions. Yet because of our long occupancy of the field, the fact that our work is much more extensive than that of any other organization, and the additional fact that it is logical for us to fill in in certain places in order to complete our chain of missions, we ought at once to put workers in certain new fields. I have already referred to the Sacramento valley. The new man ought to be located at Stockton or Lodi, largely for country work. We ought to have an additional worker in San Francisco, not only for the city but for the great territory north and south of the city which is practically untouched. Then in the South, the Imperial Valley is virgin soil. Several of our members from Riverside and Los Angeles are there. We should go still further East and establish at least one mission in Arizona. There is a splendid opportunity, and Superintendent Rogers urges me to enter the field. Workers are at hand.

COLORADO AND SURROUNDING STATES.—The only Christian Missionary among the thousands of Japanese in Colorado and

surrounding States is our brother Shirato, a member of the Colorado Conference. He is a genuine apostle to his people. There are about three thousand in the State, Denver being the center with a population of about five hundred. The others are widely scattered. About five hundred are farmers, fifteen hundred are farm laborers, five hundred are employed in coal mines and steel mills, two hundred and fifty are domestic workers, the same number are merchants, and about one hundred are students. There are about two hundred house wives and two hundred children. These are increasing year by year. The pastor calls attention to the fact that nearly all are young men and women, and that they are in great danger of temptation. He is doing his best to meet the need not only in Colorado but in Wyoming, Nebraska, and New Mexico where about two thousand more are scattered. He has traveled over 2500 miles and visited twenty-six places besides Denver and Pueblo—18 places in Colorado, 3 in New Mexico, one in Nebraska, and 4 in Wyoming. The expenses were all paid by special offerings.

DENVER.—Starting with nothing but an appropriation for salary, and developing a church with twenty-five members, four probationers, and twenty-five Sunday school scholars, with ability to raise several hundred dollars annually for pastoral support, local expenses, and benevolences, is the brief record of brother Shirato in Denver, not to speak of Pueblo and other places. He has secured several thousand dollars on subscription for missoin property, and desires the endorsement of this Annual Meeting for a Church Extension grant. This has the hearty endorsement of his official members. The plan includes, in one building, a chapel, a dormitory and parsonage, and a Home for children. He has the sympathy and endorsement of the Bishop, District Superintendent, and other leading Methodists of Denver. This is the natural center for Japanese work east of the mountains, and the buliding is needed not only for the five hundred who reside there but for hundreds who make it a center. This is specially true of the proposed children's department. The pastor's wife, an experienced Bible woman in Japan, is a great help to him in all his work. In this respect, our pastors are nearly all most fortunate. Four adults and three children baptized.

PUEBLO.—What was said of Denver in the matter of building up from the bottom is also true of Pueblo where brother Shirato began his labors in America. The work was really started by the Northern Avenue church which has taken a deep interest from the beginning. Representatives of the Epworth League teach in the Night School and Sunday school. The feeling between the Americans and Japanese is specially good in Pueblo, both among the Christians and in the great steel mill where most of the Japanese are employed. A model dormitory is conducted, wtih reading room

and night school, and this has been a center of real Christian influence. After several years of careful seed sowing, the workers have been permitted the past year to enjoy the harvest. Eleven adults were baptized. In addition, there were four adults and three children at Denver. The Pueblo Christians, though few in number, have contributed generously toward local expenses and the regular benevolences, and also toward the Denver Building Fund.

OTHER EAST MOUNTAIN CITIES.—It was my privilege to preach this year at Reno, Nevada, at the time of the State Survey, and at South Omaha enroute home from the General Conference. I visited the Japanese at Reno and the sister city of Sparks, and preached to a good congregation at night in the Methodist Church. Much interest was manifested.

At South Omaha, I found over one hundred Japanese in one large, well conducted camp, all variously connected with the packing industry. It was my privilege to preach to sixty of them, including a few Christians, on Decoration Day. One of them was a Christian student at Chicago who was spending his vacaton in the interest of the uplift of his countrymen.

I have often referred to the necessity of placing a traveling evangelist either at Ogden, Utah, or at Pocatello, Idaho. From time to time, in former years, I have stopped at these places in passing through and held meetings of rare interest. There is no other denomination that has extended its Japanese work so far as ours, and it would be comparatively easy for us to look after work in these remote fields.

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.—The work in Portland was opened in Dr. Harris' time, and the Missions at Spokane and Seattle were just being established when the present Suprintedent took up the work eight years ago. These have been developed, and new work opened in Tacoma. Special stress this year has been placed upon the needs in Seattle.

PORTLAND.—During the year, Portland has been without a resident pastor. S. Arima, pastor at Tacoma, has been in charge and has made regular trips twice monthly. He has been assisted by K. Yoshioka, a student in the Kimball School of Theology, who has filled the pulpit between times. Arrangements have been made for a pastor to come soon from Japan. The Church reports a net gain of four in full members. The church has a fine piece of property which, however, is quite a financial burden. The interest and taxes are more than the missionary appropriation. The church the past year, in addition, has raised over 650 for pastoral support, interest, benevolences, etc., which is commendable. One adult baptized.

TACOMA.—The Tacoma church is building up solidly from

the bottom. The membership is small but active. The pastor reports five adult baptisms, and a net gain in both members and probationers. The church occupies rented property which, of course, means added expense. The church has raised over thirty dollars per month for all purposes, or an amount equal to the missionary appropriation. As in the case of our other churches, the tendency is toward self-support. The members are very much attached to their pastor, Brother S. Arima, and have regretted that it has been necessary for him to spend so much of his time at Portland.

There is a large population in the outlying districts. This, together with the fact that Tacoma has now a direct line of steamers to Japan, makes it specially important as a center of work among the Japanese.

SPOKANE.—This is another of our smaller missions. S. Uemura, a graduate of our Kimball School of Theology, and a product of this mission, has supplied during the year and will continue another year. He hoped to come to the Annual Meeting for ordination as a local preacher, but is unable to do so. Our rented property stands next to the First Methodist Church, it being the former parsonage. It makes a model dormitory, specially since the addition of several rooms in the third story. There is a growing interest on the part of the down town Japanese residents.

Several of the leading members have moved away during the year, to Japan, Alaska, and elsewhere, but new ones are taking their places. As in the case of our American churches, our smaller missions suffer most by migration. The mission is in a crisis, and it is fortunate that they have as their pastor one who knows their condition so well, who has the sympathy and love of all, and who is so well prepared for his work. The financial interests have been well kept up, the collections being in full. Two adults baptized.

SEATTLE.—The present Seattle Church of 90 members and 22 probationers has practically been developed since S. Yoshioka became pastor. After a long, hard struggle, it is about to enter its own property. A lot was purchased last year costing $5,500 of which the local Society paid $2,500 and the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension the balance. This year a beautiful new church has been erected costing about $9,500, the Board of Home Missions providing $4,000 and the Seattle City Union $1,000. It is all provided for on subscription, and it is hoped that by dedicatoin day, September 15th, it will all be paid in cash. The next effort will be to build a modest parsonage, all to be raised locally. In view of the great importance of Seattle as a center, and of the heroism and sacrifice of the pastor and people, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has been most liberal. Without its

aid, the enterprise could not have been brought to completion. Brother Yoshioka publishes a Christian paper which is widely circulated throughout the Northwest.

The dormitory has been a heavy financial burden, but has become self-supporting through the voluntary work of the members of the Epworth League. The church has raised nearly $700 for pastoral support, current expenses, and benevolences. The splendid work of the Woman's Home is reported elsewhere. Four adults baptized.

SUMMARY.—For the entire field, there have been seventy-two adults baptized and twenty-six children. This is a decrease over last year of eighteen adults and two children for California, and of seven adults and three chlidren for the Pacific Northwest. There is a gain in baptisms in Colorado of twelve adults and one child, making a net decrease for the whole field of four children and thirteen adults.

On the whole, the conditions were never so trying before. Our pastors have labored with hope and courage, but have not witnessed the general spiritual awakening for which we have longed and prayed. I trust that this Annual Meeting may result in such a comprehension of successful methods, and in such a personal surrender to Christ on the part of all who attend as to make possible, in the near future, a widespread and abiding spiritual awakening. The need of men as men, our splendid history in the past, and the accressive revival plans of the whole church inspire us to do our best the coming year.

REPORT OF THE ANGLO-JAPANESE SCHOOL.

Milton S. Vail, President.

In some magazine or paper of recent date, a statement was made that the best work, of its kind, being done by the American churches for foreign peoples in this country, was to be found in the Anglo-Japanese Training School in San Francisco, Calif. I have not seen the paragraph, and don't want to lest I swell up with pride; for I know God wants me and all his workers to be humble, while earnest, faithful and persistent.

The past year has been one that taxed all our best energies, and was crowned with success.

Of the one hundred and seventy students, twelve were women and one hundred and fifty-eight were men.

Teachers.

The teachers have been deeply interested and faithful to their tasks, and so have gained the confidence and good will of the pupils without which no lasting good can be accomplished.

We have had throughout the year five teachers in the Day School and four in the Night Schools, exclusive of my own service about two nights in the week.

Mr. M. Machida, the cultured scholar and editor, and a man perfect in politeness and gentle in manners, felt compelled, for financial reasons, to resign, after a very satisfactory service of six years. A few days ago he came to the chapel exercises and said: "This is my old home, and I can't keep away; I must come back to my home once in a while." I have not yet succeeded in getting a first class translation teacher in his place.

Miss Nellie Blakesley, a cultured and earnest teacher, also resigned on account of ill health and for financial reasons. Thirty dollars per month for teaching in the day and night school is a small sum, and unless the teacher has other sources of income it is impossible for any one to accept such a position. However, we have one teacher who had two offers of $75 per month and over, and yet she prefers to work with us.

Mrs. E. S. Adams, aside from other work, gives lessons in vocal music twice a week, and also gives lessons in piano music to the young women who desire to learn and who can pay a small fee.

Miss A. Rotterman, who came as a supply, did excellent service, while Mr. S. Ezaka, for years connected with the school, did faithful and successful work.

From time to time we get good news from our former beloved teacher, Mr. Monroe Scott, who is now leading a quiet and contented life at the Presbyterian Home in Philadelphia, casting rays of sunshine upon others who need them.

As for myself, I can only say that Christain School work is as fascinating as ever, and that it has absorbed all my time, thought and strength.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts—General Summary.

Tuition and Entrance fees from Day School	$ 647.00
Tuition and entrance fees from Night School	552.50
From the Mission	556.00
	$1755.50

Expenditures—General Summary.

Salaries to teachers	$1336.00
Advertisements	110.00
Water, light and miscellaneous	246.08
Paid on old debt	63.42
	$1755.50

Postgraduate Course.

Plans are being made to have a postgraduate class to receive instruction in Latin, English Classics, Practical Composition and Rhetoric and Theology. May this prove to be a step toward the reopening of a regular Theological course of study. I am trying to get some of our American preachers in San Francisco interested in this class.

Spiritual Condition.

Time is always a great factor in the accomplishment of anything truly great or good. It is an exceedingly difficult problem to know just how to best help our students in spiritual matters. They come to us to learn English, while we desire to impart this knowledge and also desire to bring them into a spiritual relation to Jesus Christ, the only Savior of mankind; but the time is so limited, and the general secular tendencies of our times are such, that we fail to reach satisfactory results along religious lines.

Our pastor nobly co-operates in teaching scriptural truths, and good is done, but we want to see more of these young people brought to Christ.

The introduction of the Sunday school Graded Lessons into the regular class work has been tried with excellent results, and promises much for the future.

Taking for our motto, "Looking unto Jesus," we pray and look for the conversion of many souls during the coming year.

Needs.

Our needs are the same as emphasized last year, viz.: (1) New dormitory and parsonage to cost from $5,000 to $7,000; (2) Increased financial help to ensure larger salaries to our teachers, and (3) the presence of the Living Christ in all our undertakings and a greater devotion to God and His work on the part of us all.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU SECRETARY OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR WORK AMONG JAPANESE WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Dear Bishop and Members of the Japanese Mission Conference:—

In presenting a brief report of the work we have been striving to do the past year, I want to recognize the leading of our Father's hand and the guidance of His Holy Spirit, and with glad hearts we have followed where he has led us.

The first day of June found the work in the Catherine Blaine Home in Seattle just one year old, and as we look over the past twelve months it is wonderful what the ladies have accomplished, coming into possession of the property purchased the April previous; $1000.00 having been paid by the Seattle ladies, and according to promise, the General Woman's Home Missionary Society added an-

other $1000.00, making $2000.00 for the first payment, with an eight-room house with finished attic and basement needing cleaning and furnishing, and no money in the treasury, meant courage and hard work which the Seattle ladies showed they possessed; having no money to hire this work done they rolled up their sleeves and went to work with scrub brush and broom—truly practical missionary work—willing hands soon had the Home clean and inviting with fresh, cheery wall paper hung by the ladies of the local board. But where was the furniture, for a family of young Japanese working women were waiting to enter. The homes of the local Board ladies were ransacked—a chair here, a bed there and dishes from another and then a campaign of soliciting was begun, and soon the Home was comfortably furnished, as the President writes, that looking over the past year she sees truly that God's hand has been in it. More than twenty girls who are employed in the city stores and factories and have made it their home and many more have found it a haven of rest for a shorter or longer period. A kindergarten has been opened with seventeen little tots and many have had to be turned away because there was no mans to buy tables and chairs for them. There was a great need for a Bible woman. The Michigan Conference generously contributed from their mite-box money the $300 for the salary for 1 year and the Ellen Stark Ford Home at San Francisco loaned $100 to bring her from Japan. Dr. H. B. Johnson going over was asked to find a suitable Bible woman and he secured one of Japan's choicest, in Miss Kusama.

Miss Kusama is doing good work and is greatly beloved by both her own people and the Americans. Since her arrival the Japanese Government has sent her brother-in-law to America to study relief work methods. When she arrived a reception was given for her in the Home which was attended by the prominent Japanese of Seattle, the Consul and his wife among the number, and when they reached the kindergarten, so interested were they in this branch of the work that it was difficult to get them further. On leaving the Consul said he had but ten minutes to stay, as he had an important meeting elsewhere, and yet his auto had been at the door three-quarters of an hour; this shows the interest taken in the Home by the Japanese community.

The family has but one child, a little girl of nine years, Yie; she is a great pet with the older members of the household; her scholarship si furnished by the Seattle District Epworth League.

In our work in Seattle we have had the most cordial support of Rev. and Mrs. Yoshioka and every one is working harmoniously for the highest good of the Japanese people.

The Ellen Stark Ford family on Pine Street in San Francisco still continues to grow, now numbering forty-two; all but the six babies have been summering in Mill Valley; the outdoor life agree-

ing so well that worker and family have put on considerable weight in flesh.

We are sorry to report that September first we will lose from our number our faithful and affectionate mother to our babies, Mrs. Lois Anthony, whose health the doctor says requires a year's rest from her strenuous mother care she has given to the blessed little ones, after her five years of heroic service she will be missed by us all, for never was her family so large that she hesitated a moment on being asked if she could take another; the same cheery answer came, "Why certainly, what else can we do?" When we remember that it means not only day but night care and watchfulness as well, it does the heart of a Bureau Secretary good to have such workers in the Home. Miss Lena Anderson, a capable and consecrated Christian, of years' experience, will take Mrs. Anthony's place and the babies will still have the care of the mothr heart.

Mrs. H. E. Lincoln, one of our most successful deaconesses, is in charge of the Home, and everything moves like clockwork under her supervision.

A mother has been added to our force of workers. Mrs. S. M. Frazee of Minneapolis, a cultured and capable woman of wide experience. We consider ourselves fortunate indeed in securing such a worker.

The work in Los Angeles is most encouraging. Last January a change was made in the Superintendent, as Miss Mabel G. Anderson, who has labored so faithfully and well since the beginning of the work, felt she must have a change of climate and scenes, and asked for an indefinite vacation. Mrs. E. H. Baird, one of the local Board ladies, generously undertook to superintend the work of the Jane Couch Memorial Home. Since January 15th when Mrs. Baird took charge twelve women and five children have been cared for in the Home; good work has been done in rconciling a husband and wife who were separated, and another nursed back to health and happiness. During the Huntington Beach Camp Meeting one of the family has been happily converted and has been baptised and united with the church.

Morning worship in the Home is conducted in English and in the evening in the Japaese laguage, Rev. Mr. Kawashima, the Methodist pastor, kindly assisting in this. A need is felt for a day nursery and kindergarten in the downtown district and an effort is being made to supply this need. The work contiues to grow ad has the sympathy and co-operation of the Japanese community. Rev. T. Kumuro, who has always been in sympathy with the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and who last September was transferred from the church in Los Angeles to the San Francisco church, has a worthy successor in Rev. Mr. Kawashima.

And now, dear friends, in conclusion, we believe and know this

is God's work and with His blessing we shall continue to go forward knowing we cannot fail when He is on our side, remembering the promise "He that goeth forth and weepeth shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him."

May Heaven's richest blessing rest upon your Mission and may all the pastors have great success in their variou fields of labor is the prayer of our great society in which we are privileged to work.

MRS. C. B. PERKINS, Bureau Secretary.

NEW WORK.

In view of the work of other denominations which we gladly recognize, we do not assume to have the entire responsibility for evangelizing all the Japanese in our great territory. Yet on account of our extended work and the logical connection of certain fields, we feel that as Methodists we have a call to take up certain work as soon as possible by entering the great delta country near Stockton, the Imperial Valley, North Yakima (Wash.), Phoenix (Arizona), Reno (Nev.) and Salt Lake or Ogden (Utah); by dividing the large circuits centering in Sacramento and Fresno; and by recognizing our Methodist work in Berkeley where a Mission Home is greatly needed.

We rejoice that several well equipped pastors are available for work this year, and greatly regret that money is not at hand to send them into the whitening harvest fields.

We gladly recognize the voluntary reductions in the appropriations made from time to time by the pastors and churches in order to take up new work.

We recommend (1) a strong representation of the opportunity and responsibility both to our churches and to the General Missionary Committee; (2) caution in plans for expansion during the coming year in view of a possible reduction in the income of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; and (3) that as soon as funds are available work be taken up in the following order:

At Loomis by the appointment of a pastor,
At Berkeley by an appropriation,
In the delta country near Stockton, and
In the Imperial Valley.

H. B. JOHNSON, Chairman,
S. YOSHIOKA, Secretary.

BENEVOLENCES

One of the encouraging features of our work is the deep interest most of the churches have taken in the Disciplinary benevolences. Nearly all the charges show a decided gain, namely, Bakersfield, Denver, Fresno, Los Angeles, Oxnard, Palo Alto, Pueblo, Sacramento-Loomis, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, and Vacaville. Three re-

port the same as last year—Oakland, Riverside, and San Francisco. Two have raised less, San Jose and Portland. The loss in the latter is over $100, and in consequence the total for the whole Mission remains the same as last year. We regret that the good work of most of the churches is overcome by the failure of one or two.

We wish to lay special emphasis upon the necessity of training our people in systematic giving. It is gratifying to note that while large amounts have been given to local interests, our members have not forgotten the connectional benevolences. While cotributing more than the apportionment for the work of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, our members have raised the same amounts as last year for Foreign Missions and the other regular benevolences, and have given most generously to certain special causes, particularly the Japanese Pastors' Aid Society. In view of the special stress, we regret that the collection for the Board of Foreign Missions is not larger.

OTOE SO, Chairman,
K. BABA, Secretary.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

Wt publish the following Methodist papers: The North American Christan Advocate, the Kwasui or Living Waters, and the Methodist Review of Southern California; but these are only local papers and not official.

We are very sorry that we have no official journal to represent the great Methodist body on the Coast, and so we urgently recommend that there be published one official paper to properly represent the work and meet the needs of all our Methodist Japanese Missions on the Coast.

S. KAWASHIMA, Chairman,
OTOE SO, Secretary.

EDUCATION—RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR.

Your Committee would report:

(1) We approve of the action taken by our last General Conference with referenct to our educational collections, and we will sustain our Secretary of the Board of Education, Dr. Thomas Nicholson, in every possible way in the great work he is doing.

(2) We will sustain also, all we can, our central School in San Francisco; it has not only had a glorious history, but is still doing a work of incalculable value to our Missions on this Coast. We recommend to the Board of Education that it render financial aid to our central school, and we think this would be especially proper, as we take up no collection for our conference educational work.

(3) We urge the introduction of the Graded Lessons in our

Sunday schools that our children in all the charges may receive Bible instruction in a simple and yet scientific manner. Resolved that we pastors will place greater emphasis upon the Sunday school work, and will ourselves be more diligent in teaching the young the Word of God.

(4) In the matter of the secular education of our children we report: (a) that we do not deem it necessary to introduce from Japan the system of public instruction pursued there, since our children are freely admitted to the American public schools, than which there are none better in the world; (b) we believe in the establishment of kindergartens and supplementary schools where our children can be taught to read, speak and write correctly the Japanese language; but it is our deep conviction that these schools should be under Christian influences and we heartily commend the position taken by the Japanese Christian pastors in Seattle, and we congratulate the "Catherine P. Blaine Home" on their success in securing as a teacher of Japanese, Miss Tadzu Okabayashi, a Christian lady, a graduate of the Higher Normal School in Japan and one who has had twenty years of experience in teaching.

We will not countenance in our educational work anything that is anti-Christian, nor will we tolerate teachings calculated to foster anti-racial feelings. America is made up of peoples from many lands, and we are happy to be counted as one of them, and we desire to do our part in helping to conserve all those good things which make any country truly great and without which no people can be truly happy.

MILTON S. VAIL, Chairman,
S. YOSHIOKA, Secretary.

EPWORTH LEAGUES.

The work among our young people, especially among the young men is of great importance. There are very many Japanese young men living within the bounds of our Pacific Coast Mission who are without home influence, and hence subject to manifold temptations. Our Epworth League should not only save the youth connected with our churches, but should also reach out a helping hand to those living amidst unfavorable surroundings.

Our leagues should save from evil, and then seek to build up the young people in the faith of the Gospel. Social service is all-important; but our young people must be induced to give more earnest attention to the study of the Holy Scriptures, and all our teaching should be Christ-centric. The only safety in this age of materialism and agnosticism is Bible study and a rich Christian experitnce; we must place stress upon two things—experience and enlightenment. Again would we urge all of our missions and churches to establish chapters at once by securing charters from the head office in Chicago.

Taking as our motto: "Save the young man," let us do all we can to save the young, for if they are saved the church will prosper and the world will be saved.

OTOE SO, Chairman,
K. MATSUOKA, Secretary.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has greatly aided us in two ways—by appropriations for the current work and by grants and loans for property. Our members have been greatly stimulated, and the number and value of our church properties have greatly increased—from four churches in 1904 valued at $36,000, to eleven churches, two lots and four parsonages and dormitories, with a combined valuation of over $111,000. Each year our members pay large amounts for property improvements and indebtedness, inspired in their giving by the Board.

Our policy has been to secure one piece of property each year, but owing to a misunderstanding in the matter of reductions in authorizations, we are obliged to put in several items again and to raise our asking to $10,000, as follows:

San Jose, already granted by the Board but not covered	$ 2000
Riverside for parsonage in part, due to heavy frost	250
San Francisco, for installments on loan	2750
Denver, for church property	4000
Bakersfield, for church building	1000
	$10,000

Long postponement of any of these will greatly injure our standing in the communities, as subscriptions have already been taken. We could not foresee the reductions referred to, and naturally expected a good conference credit where we have none.

H. B. JOHNSON, Chairman,
M. YOSHIDA, Secretary.

TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL REFORM.

After careful consideration of the character of the Japanese people in America your committee would urge upon our pastors and members the following:

(1) We must strongly encourage the temperance idea in the Japanese homes. The education of our children and housewives in the homes under Christian influences is very important for our work.

(2) Gambling, drinknig and many other habits are rapidly destroying the moral character of the people, and Japanese societies are now seriously considering the necessity of civic purity. These conditions give us excellent opportunities to preach the Gospel of Jesus and social purity for the salvation of men's bodies and souls

from an awful destruction. Though the work is hard yet we must bravely push forward and we shall reap good results, because we know that our work in the Lord is not in vain.

(3) As many of our youth are led away by temptation on account of their evil surroundings, we urge upon all our churches the necessity of providing good homes for their people.

T. KOMURO, Chairman.
H. SHIRATO, Secretary.

WOMEN'S HOMES.

We greatly appreciate the courtesy of the Bureau Secretary, Mrs. C. B. Perkins, in sending the report of the Homes in Seattle, San Francsco, and Los Angeles. The visit of Mrs. Dr Green and of Mrs Baird, the Superintendent of the local Home, has given us special pleasure.

For the splendid work accomplished, through the sympathy, zeal, and self-sacrificing spirit of these elect ladies, we unite in hearty thanks to our Lord. We cannot too highly commend the spirit of union and co-operation between the ladies of these Homes and the Japanese pastors and churches. Our pastors look at the ladies' work as a part of their own and are glad to extend their help to the ladies in any way possible, and the ladies receive the pastors' advice with courtesy and kindness. The relations of both have been almost ideal.

The San Francisco Home gives special attention to the care of small children by which it is meeting a great need very successfully. It carries on kindergarten and other school work, and furnishes a Christian home for older girls who are in the public schools, including the high schools.

The Catherine Blaine Home in Seattle is about to start educational work for Japanese children. May God greatly bless this work and make it abundantly successful! Too much importance cannot be placed upon such school work carried on under Christian influences.

The proposed extension plans, outlined by the visiting ladies from Los Angeles, meet our hearty approval. Even at present a very important work is being done at the Home on Burlington Avenue.

We wish for all these homes the greatest possible success, and beg to suggest the employment of a Japanese matron to co-operate with the American matron in Los Angeles and San Francisco as at present in Seattle. This we deem important in the most effective work.

May the relation between the Japanese churches and the Women's Homes be ever like both wings of a bird or both wheels of a carriage, and may they continue to work hand in hand for our

Lord and humanity. The increase in Japanese homes and children give greater opportunities year after year.

S. YOSHIOKA, Chairman,
S. KAWASHIMA, Secretary.

SELF-SUPPORT.

The ideal toward which we are constantly striving is gradual self-support. There are great difficulties owing to the migration of our members, and to some criticism on account of the free use of money by several other denominations.

In the early days, all local income was used for the support of pastors and evangelists while the present policy applies nothing to pastoral support until all other expenses are provided; hence there is an apparent decrease. In view of large expenditures for property, including taxes, insurance, interest, and repairs, and also because of the increase in our Disciplinary benevolences from $419 to $1,360, in eight years—not to mention the large amounts spent in institutional work—our growth in pastoral support has necessarily been slow. Several of the charges have increased this year while there has been a decrease in others due, in part, to uniting certain charges. The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has supplied for pastoral support $138 yess than last year, and this amount would have been even greater had it not been for the opening of new work.

In order to produce self-support, the greatest factors are genuine spiritual quickening and tactful training in systematic giving.

T. KOMURO, Chairman,
H. SHIRATO, Secretary.

APPROPRIATIONS: REDISTRIBUTION AND ESTIMATES.

Your committee, after consultation with the pastors and representatives of the churches, recommends:

(1) A reduction of twenty dollars per month to the churches, as indicated, to be redistributed to two churches, namely: Ten dollars to be added to Oxnard Circuit on account of a married pastor, and ten dollars to Berkeley to supply loss to the Oakland pastor due to adjustment with San Jose.

(2) The rates of salaries of the Superintendent and of the President of the Anglo Japanese School, and the appropriations for the School, Travel and Mission Expenses, Special Travel of Preachers, and Publications to remain the same as at present during the coming four months; and to be modified as follows in the Estimates for 1913: Travel and Mission Expenses to be increased $105 to provide stenographic help for the Superintendent, and Publications to be increased from $144 to $200.

(3) New Work to be opened as follows as the appropriation will permit: Loomis $240, Berkeley $120, Stockton $420, Colorado $300, Southern California $350, and Phoenix, Arizona, $350 —a total for new work of $1,780.

It is understood that the additional aid to the Superintendent for stenographic help shall come before opening work in Stockton.

We strongly urge the appropriation as per schedule below:

CHURCHES	Monthly rate Old	New	Redistribution estimates Sept.-Dec. '12	Jan.-Dec. '13
Bakersfitld	$ 7	$ 6		
Berkeley		10		
Denver	46	45		
Fresno-Selma	24	23		
Loomis	10	10		
Los Angeles	35	33		
Oakland	42	40		
Oxnard Circuit	25	35		
Palo Alto	10	10		
Portland	22	20		
Pueblo	25	24		
Riverside	22	21		
Sacramento	25	25		
San Francisco	38	36		
San Jose	37	36		
Stattle	42	40		
Spokane	31	30		
Tacoma	31	30		
Vacaville	30	28		
	$502	$502	$2,008.00	$ 6,024
Superintendent (including rent)			900.00	2,700
Anglo-Japanese School President $1,500 Current 556			685.33	2,056
Travel and Mis. Exp.			140.00	525
Special travel of preachers			52.00	156
Publications			48.00	200
New work as indivated above				1,780
Totals			$3,833.33	$13,441

H. B. JOHNSON, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

Bishop W. O. Shepard.

Your Committee take pleasure in placing on record our heart

felt appreciation of the manner in which Bishop Shepard has conducted our Annual Meeting. We have been greatly impressed by his quiet and thoroughly Christian manner; by his yearning for us that we might have a deeper sense of the presence of the Living Christ, our Leader to victory; and by his expression of heartfelt sympathy in our work. We recognize in him one chosen of God for a great work; and we shall follow him in our prayers that our Father may make him as great a blessing to other Conferences, over which he is to preside, as he has been to us.

Rev. Julius Soper.

We are more than glad to greet Rev. Julius Soper, D.D., who, for nearly forty years, was an earnest and thoroughly devoted missionary of our Church to Japan where he accomplished a good work for the Master. He is one of the fathers of Methodism in Japan. As he is in America, on account of the severe illness of Mrs. Soper, we desire to express our heartfelt sympathy and Christian love. We trust ways may be devised by which the services of Dr. Soper may be made available in our Japanese work in California.

George B. Smythe.

Rev. George B. Smythe, D.D., who was for many years a very successful missionary in Foochow, China, and who was afterward a great Missionary Field Secretary for the western part of the United States, has passed on to his heavenly reward. He was truly a factor in the uplift of China, and was a master lecturer on Christian Missions. We count his memory as precious, and we desire to express to Mrs. Smythe our deep sympathy, and we also sincerely thank her for the valuable photographs she has presented to each of the members of our Annual Meeting and which commemorate the first General Conference of the Japan Methodist Church.

Rev. H. B. Johnson.

This is the twenty-fifth anniversary of our Superintendent's connection with mission work among our people in Japan and in America.

We would reiterate all that we have placed on record with reference to his work. Careful in details, thorough in his preparation, possessing executive ability, loyal to his church, persistent, having the courage of his convictions and devoted to the cause of Christ, we have in him a brother beloved, and an officer who is leading us to victory.

His late Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, was pleased to recently decorate Dr. Johnson with the Order of the Rising Sun, and we are highly gratified that, in this manner, a timely recognition has been made of the valuable services rendered by Dr. Johnson to our people

in America. We wish for Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson still many years of usefulness, and finally the rewards given by our Heavenly Father to those who are faithful unto the end.

Mrs. C. B. Perkins.

We recognize, with deep gratitude, the far reaching results of the noble work being done by the Woman's Home Missionary Society through Mrs. Perkins and her band of earnest Christian workers on the coast, and in Hawaii, for Japanese women and children. We can never repay; God will reward.

Los Angeles Church, The Japanese Christian Alliance and Others.

For the courtesies and thoughtful kindness shown us by the Los Angeles Japanese M. E. Mission, and for the very enjoyable outing to Eagle Rock as guests of the Japanese Christian Alliance of Southern California, we desire to express sincere thanks and appreciation. To every one who has helped us in our work during the past year we wish our Heavenly Father's richest blessings.

MILTON S. VAIL, Chairman.
A. KINIWA, Secretary.

STATISTICS NO. 1. PACIFIC JAPANESE MISSION FOR 1912.

M. S. Vail, 2242 7th Ave., Oakland.

Names of Charges.	Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools			Epworth Leagues		Church Property						
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Schools	Teachers and Officers	Scholars	Senior Chapters	Members	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid building, improving Chs. & Parsonages	Paid Old Indebtedness on Church Prop.	Present Ind'btdness on Church Prop.
1 Bakersfield	3	20	..	..	3	...	1	2	15	..	...	**1	725	1	332	332	.....	.....
2 Denver	4	25	1	..	3	4	1	2	25	..	...	...	.....	..	....	.....	.....	.....
3 Fresno and Selma	2	60	..	..	..	...	1	4	18	1	11	2	5000	..	....	95	.....	.....
4 Loomis	4	31	..	..	..	4	1	1	13	1	25	...	.....	..	....	.....	.....	.....
5 Los Angeles	40	108	3	1	3	6	1	7	47	1	65	1	6500	1	2000	60	103	810
6 Oakland	6	60	..	..	..	10	1	5	23	1	23	1	10000	..	....	.....	327	1726
7 Oxnard	4	20	1	..	2	3	1	1	17	1	20	1	2200	1	800	.....	.....	.....
8 Palo Alto	2	13	..	..	..	2	..	..	...	..	...	...	.....	..	....	.....	.....	.....
9 Portland	23	73	..	..	..	1	1	4	18	1	38	1	25000	..	....	63	47	2936
10 Pueblo	4	12	..	..	..	11	1	2	15	..	...	...	.....	..	....	.....	.....	.....
11 Riverside	7	65	..	..	..	10	1	2	18	1	25	1	3500	1	1000	500	.....	500
12 Sacramento	19	25	..	1	9	7	1	2	15	1	20	1	5700	..	....	.....	.....	.....
13 San Francisco	25	152	2	..	2	2	1	4	38	1	82	1	24000	..	....	.....	.....	1900
14 San Jose	10	48	..	..	..	3	1	3	27	..	...	**1	650	..	....	.....	.....	.....
15 Seattle	27	91	2	1	..	4	1	2	50	1	75	1	20000	..	....	4000	.....	2000
16 Spokane	5	26	1	..	..	2	1	3	13	1	14	...	.....	..	....	.....	.....	.....
17 Tacoma	8	18	1	..	..	5	1	2	10	1	17	...	.....	..	....	.....	.....	.....
18 Vacaville	5	24	1	..	1	...	..	..	...	..	...	1	3150	..	....	.....	.....	.....
Total 1912	198	871	12	3	23	74	16	46	362	12	415	*13	106425	4	4132	5050	477	9872
Total 1911	177	901	9	6	30	85	17	43	320	11	385	13	91425	2	2800	5052	1608	8896
Gain	21	....	3	..	..	...	..	3	42	1	30	...	15000	2	1332	.....	.....	976
Loss	...	30	..	3	7	11	1	..	...	..	...	...	.....	..	....	2	1131	.....

*Including two lots.
**Including one lot.

STATISTINCS NO. 3, PACIFIC JAPANESE MISSION FOR 1912.

Otoe So, 292 Fifth St., Riverside, Cal.

Names of Charges.	Names of Pastors.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT. Claims. Salary	House Rent.	Total.	Receipts. Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	*Deficiencies.	Sup't Con. Claimants Apport'n'd.	Am't Paid.	Bish's. Supt of Am't Apport'n'd.	Amount Paid.	Total Pastoral Support	Institutional Work.	Cur. Exp. Church Expenses Sexton, Light, Etc	S. S. Supplies.
1 Bakersfield	T. Kitazawa	63	42	105	....	21	21	84	..	1	2	2	24	....	112	...
2 Denver	H. Shirato	540	300	840	....	288	288	552	2	2	2	2	292	453	228	...
3 Fresno and Selma	T. Kitazawa	540	....	540	252	....	252	288	3	2	5	5	259	....	145	
4 Loomis	M. Yoshida	160	....	160	40	....	40	120	2	2	3	3	45	....	40	5
5 Los Angeles	S. Kawashima	605	155	760	185	155	340	420	5	5	6	6	351	266	239	103
6 Oakland	Z. Hirota	720	....	720	216	....	216	504	5	..	6	6	222	195	310	12
7 Oxnard	K. Baba	360	....	360	60	....	60	300	2	2	2	2	64	....	129	...
8 Palo Alto	T. Komuro	24	120	144	24	....	24	120	1	1	1	1	26		41	...
9 Portland	S. Arima	630	....	630	366	....	366	264	6	1	7	7	374	....	333	...
10 Pueblo	H. Shirato	....	300	300	....	....	....	300	1	1	2	2	3	....	31	...
11 Riverside	Otoe So	534	....	534	270	....	270	264	3	3	4	4	277	114	100	...
12 Sacramento	M. Yoshida	440	....	440	140	....	140	300	3	3	5	5	148	189	117	10
13 San Francisco	T. Komuro	720	264	984	264	264	528	456	6	2	8	8	538	300	256	19
14 San Jose	K. Matsuoka	360	144	504	60	....	60	444	2	2	3	3	65	....	100	...
15 Seattle	S. Yoshika	760	170	930	156	170	326	504	4	4	7	7	337	....	....	...
16 Spokane	S. Uemura	480	300	780	108	300	408	372	2	2	3	3	413	200	100	2
17 Tacoma	S. Arima	380	132	512	20	120	140	372	1	1	2	2	143	59	124	...
18 Vacaville	A. Kiniwa	360	....	360	....	....	....	360	1	1	2	2	3	....	85	...
Total 1912		7676	1927	9603	2161	1318	3479	*6024	49	35	70	70	3584	1776	2590	151
Total 1911		7867	2029	9896	2889	845	3734	6162	33	33	68	68	3835	1693	2378	53
Gain		....	....	....	....	473	....	.....	16	2	2	2	....	83	112	98
Loss		191	102	293	728	....	255	138	..	..	..	..	251	....	....	...

*Supplied by Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE PACIFIC JAPANESE MISSION FOR 1912.

M. Yoshida, Treasurer.

Name of Charges	BENEVOLENT COLL (Disciplinary								Conf. Claimants	Gen. Conf. Exp.	Bishop's	Epworth League	Total	J. Preachers' Aid	Other Benevolences	Grand Total of Collections
	Misisons.		Education	Sunday Schools	Freedmen's Aid	American Bible So.	Connectional Fd.	Total Disciplinary Collections.								
	Foreign	Home Miss. and Ch. Ext.														
1 Bakersfield	7	14	1	1	1	1	1	26	1	1	2	...	30	....	5	35
2 Denver	10	18	2	1	1	2	2	36	2	1	2	...	41	15	....	56
3 Fresno and Selma	25	65	2	2	2	2	2	100	2	2	5	...	109	30	15	154
4 Loomis	19	39	2	2	3	1	2	68	2	1	3	1	75	20	....	95
5 Los Angeles	48	87	4	4	1	2	2	148	5	3	6	3	165	45	99	309
6 Oakland	27	75	2	5	2	2	3	116	1	...	6	1	124	....	....	124
7 Oxnard	17	27	2	2	2	2	2	54	2	1	2	...	59	18	....	77
8 Palo Alto	5	10	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	...	23	10	5	38
9 Portland	25	72	1	1	1	1	3	104	1	...	7	...	112	30	....	142
10 Pueblo	7	13	1	1	1	1	1	25	1	1	2	...	29	5	....	34
11 Riverside	29	55	3	3	3	2	2	97	3	2	4	...	106	25	....	131
12 Sacramento	25	48	3	3	2	2	2	85	3	2	5	1	96	25	....	121
13 San Francisco	42	100	5	2	2	2	...	153	2	...	8	...	163	30	20	213
14 San Jose	17	34	2	2	2	2	2	61	2	1	3	...	67	15	....	82
15 Seattle	42	72	4	4	4	2	2	130	4	2	7	...	143	40	15	198
16 Spokane	20	32	2	2	2	2	2	62	2	1	3	...	68	20	....	88
17 Tacoma	7	15	1	1	2	1	1	28	1	1	2	...	32	8	....	40
18 Vacaville	18	24	1	1	1	1	1	47	1	1	2	...	51	15	....	66
Total 1912	390	800	39	38	33	29	31	1360	36	21	70	6	1493	351	159	2003
Total 1911	390	800	39	38	33	29	31	1360	33	...	68	5	1466	474	....	1940
Gain	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	3	21	2	1	27	....	159	63
Loss	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	123	....	...

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